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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to go on record, and add my voice, as being opposed to the establishment of a nuclear waste repository in Nevada. I have lived in Nevada for twenty-eight years and both my husband and children are native Nevadans. We feel strongly about what happens to our state. The environment of Nevada is of vital importance and impacts the lives of all who live here.

I feel that Nevada is being targeted for this repository mainly because we are a desert state that is not highly populated by most state's standards. Desert does not equate to wasteland. The desert is a delicate ecosystem that cannot withstand the placement of this dump. While it is true that no state wants nuclear waste, the choice by the Department of Energy to place it in Nevada is callous and unfeeling for the residents of Nevada, both human and otherwise. I assure you, we don't consider our state a wasteland, fit only for nuclear waste!

This site is ill-chosen. Is it safe to propose placing this repository on a fault line? As acts of terrorism are escalating around the world and certainly here at home, a nuclear repository and the transportation of toxic waste through our communities is not feasible. The people of Nevada are being railroaded into accepting what the Department of Energy wants us to believe is the inevitable. The fact is, we do not want this waste transported nor stored in Nevada.

Period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Debra L. Pellegrini', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Debra L. Pellegrini